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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Donoho *et al.* Group Art Unit: 1653
Application No.: 09/667,380 Examiner: R. Mitra
Filed: 09/22/2000 Atty. Docket No.: LEX-0042-USA
Title: Novel Human Protease Inhibitor-Like Proteins
and Polynucleotides Encoding The Same

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 1, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on October 1, 2002 (Paper No. 12), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No. 12 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of two months to and including March 1, 2003, which falls on a Saturday and is therefore extended until Monday, March 3, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) from Applicants' representatives' Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Lexicon Genetics Incorporated Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

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